



Warkworth School

Our Purpose:

Nurturing ACTIVE learners

Adventurous

Collaborative

Thoughtful

Innovative

Valued

Empowered

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 5, 28 May 2019



Cover Artwork - These are kowhai flowers created as a celebration of the children belonging to the Curious Kowhai guardian group in Community 1.
We used pastels, paint and chalk pastels as our medium.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Yesterday, we were pleased to be able to hold a formal gathering to bless the Senior Campus building site and turn the sod. This marked the beginning of the construction of the new buildings. The contractors will be working on the foundations in the first instance and this will take some time before we see the main structures emerge. It is anticipated the entire construction will take about a year to complete. The plans, which include fourteen classroom spaces, a library, pool changing rooms, an administration area and staffroom, are available for viewing shortly, on the school website.

We greatly appreciate the support of Kaumatua Ringi Brown and Whaea Te Ao Rosieur from Ngati Manuhiri at the blessing and turning of the sod. We wish the contractors *Savory Construction*, the project management team *N-Compass*, and the architects *Ignite Architects*, safe working throughout the construction phase.

School Closed - Strike Action by Teachers

The school will be closed tomorrow, Wednesday 29 May, because teachers will be on strike. Please do not send your child to school. Buses will not be running. We want a future teaching workforce that is of high quality, therefore the profession must be an attractive career option. Staffing shortages indicate that currently, this is not the case. We want our teachers to be respected by our communities, and to have the status they deserve. Salary and conditions are part of achieving that. Thank you in advance for supporting the work our talented teachers do for the benefit of your child.

Home School Partnership

Here is the third element, in our series of five, published by Parenting Ideas, to guide parents and caregivers, in forming strong bonds with your child's teachers this year. You can read the whole article by visiting www.parentingideas.com.au/schools

3. Participating (building links to student learning)

Participation - the third element - takes into account the level of parent engagement in student learning. There's a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent engagement in student learning and their educational success. If you want your child to improve his learning, take an interest in what he is doing. Follow school and teacher guidelines about helping at home and attend as many conferences, meetings and events involving your child as possible. This simple strategy has a significant, long-term impact.

Student Newspaper

This term, a number of Community 6 learners have been working hard to publish their very first student newspaper as way to provide an authentic platform to share their wonderful writing. Working in collaborative teams of Editors, Reporters, Photographers as well as a technical crew, they have been learning the *ins* and *outs* of what it takes to create a newspaper from scratch. A visit from James Addis, the Editor of the Mahurangi Matters in Week 1, was inspirational and gave them an insight into what the newspaper publication process is like in *real life*. This Friday, May 31, we will be selling copies of our first publication outside the Senior Hall for \$1 with all proceeds being donated to Warkworth Hospice. These newspapers are 100% student made and Community 6 learners would love your support.

Musical Opportunity

A student from Mahurangi College is offering free flute lessons to one or two Community 5 or 6 Warkworth School students for the rest of the school year as part of her *Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme*. The idea is that these lessons would allow a student who would not otherwise be able to afford lessons to get started and they will hopefully be able to continue once they reach College where lessons are subsidised. Forms are available at the school office should you wish to apply.

Active Awards

Congratulations to the following ACTIVE award winners:

- **Tomi Taaun** for being an empowered learner. Taking responsibility for your learning and bringing enthusiasm to all lessons. Well done.
- **Zion Anihana-Pugh** for being an outstanding role model of what good learning habits look like for others.
- **Seren Swain-Williams** for being adventurous by extending ideas and adding more detail and adjectives in her writing.
- **Xanthe Walker** for being a thoughtful learner and for being a good role model to her peers.
- **Deegan Lees** for being a thoughtful and collaborative member of Community 2.
- **Joshua Passingham** for always persevering and giving everything a go. You have a positive attitude in reading and display a focused attitude to learning.
- **Mia Hale** for being a considerate learner who is thoughtful, polite and hard working.
- **Corbyn Donovan** for displaying a positive focused attitude towards Mathematics.
- **Nei Rua Kamarie** for bringing the calm and the kindness to Community 3. You are a thoughtful, independent learner with excellent listening skills.
- **Cian Thorburn** for the great initiative you take in many different situations. You are an empowered learner who takes hold of the opportunities that come your way.
- **Madison Wong** for being adventurous and thoughtful during descriptive writing.
- **Sienna Coman-Withrington** for being a reliable, enthusiastic and skilled road patrol monitor while Community 6 were at camp.
- **Alicia-Ellen Moss** for taking responsibility for your learning and making very wise choices.
- **Uaai Tebutookai** for Ibukin am kairiri ae ko kaotia nakoia tabemwang. For the leadership qualities that you display to your peers, thank you.
- **Sophie Murray** for valuing your learning and being a collaborative learner who is supportive of others.
- **Awatea Heke** for being an adventurous learner on camp and setting an excellent example for others.
- **Pippa Hale** for being a thoughtful member of our community and being an adventurous learner, giving everything a go on camp.

Waste-Wise - There is no waste in Nature

Kia Ora



Cynthia Holden
Principal

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 29 May	Teachers Strike - school closed for instruction
Wednesday 29 May	BOT Meeting 5:30pm
Friday 31 May	Mahurangi College closed for mid term break
Monday 3 June	Queen's Birthday public holiday
Wednesday 5 June	Interschool Netball at Wellsford
Thursday 6 June	HBC Soccer at Stanmore Bay
Friday 7 June	Crazy Shoe Day - more details to come next week

Community Notices

- **What Now** is a children's tv programme screening on Sunday, 8 - 10am on TVNZ 2. During 2019 they broadcasting from around the country, show casing a different community each week. On Sunday, 16 June the show will be coming live from Helensville and they would like to invite your families to be part of the live audience. Families (including adults) are all invited to come and experience live tv being made while being part of our awesome audience...and it's FREE!! As space is limited, we work on a 'first in best dressed' approach. Register online to be part of the audience www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience
- **Catwalk Arts 2019** on Saturday, 24 August at the Mahurangi College Auditorium. Matinee 2pm, Gala prize-giving 7pm. Catwalk Arts 2019 will celebrate the imagination and creativity that happens all over our community, with a focus on recycling. By entering Catwalk Arts you can play a vital role in helping Harbour Hospice provide free palliative care services in our Warkworth Wellsford community. The categories are: Open - for ages 18+ (\$500 prize), Youth - up to 18 (\$500 prize), New Designer - for aspiring fashion designers of any age (\$500 prize), Families - for families with children 14 years or younger (1st \$300, 2nd \$200), Wearable Advertising - promote your business or community group (\$500 prize), Accessories - all ages (\$200 prize). Entries in all categories may also be eligible for the Recycle Award, People's Choice and the Supreme Award. For an entry form call Tui House on 09 425 9535 or email wwevents@harbourhospice.org.nz
- **Interested in playing chess?** For any of our students interested in playing Chess, we have been informed there is a monthly competition played in Mairangi Bay which is an excellent place to hone those skills. There is also an app called Chess.com which allows you to play chess against anyone in the world, get lessons or learn tactics. As well as this, Chess Club runs over the Winter terms every Tuesday and Thursday, as a Lunch Play option in Community 3.

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